

32). Pots recorded the greatest number of trips accounting for nearly 13% of the total number of trips landed in Brunswick County, while rod-n-reel recorded the highest CPUE (Table 32). In terms of value, trawls (39%), rod-n-reel (26%) and rakes (10%) dominated all other gears (Table 33 and A98). Other gear types to account for more than 3% of the total value include gill nets, trolling, by hand and pots (Table 33).

The number of dealers recording landings in Brunswick County increased in 1995 and then declined from 1995-1998 (Table A22). Then the number of dealers increased in 1999 and then fluctuated to end the period (Table A22). The number of vessels reporting landings fluctuated from 1994-1998 and then declined from 1998-1999 (Table A22). The number of vessels then increased from 1999-2001 to end the period (Table A22). The number of licenses issued that allow the sell of catch increased overall during the 1994-2001 period (Table A22). The number of fishermen reporting landings decreased from 1994-1996 and then increased in 1997 (Table A22). The number of fishermen then declined from 1997-1999 with a noticeably large decline from 1998-1999 (Table A22). The number of fishermen then increased the next two years to end the period (Table A22). Except for 1999, the number of commercial fishermen composed approximately 1.2% to 1.5% of the work force (Table A22). The drop to less than 1% of the work force for commercial fishermen in 1999 was probably due to the hurricanes of 1999 (Table A22). The average fishing income remains fairly constant from 1994-1996 and then increases in 1997 (Table A22). The average fishing income then remained constant into 1998 but then declined significantly in 1999 (Table A22). The average fishing income then fluctuated the next two years (Table A22). The percent of the average fishing

Table 32. Combined landings, number of trips and CPUE¹ by major gear type for Brunswick County from 1994-2001.

Gear	Pounds	% Pounds	Trips	% Trips	CPUE
Gill net	4,518,906	19.34	11,353	8.75	398.0
Other	2,746,017	11.75	81,055	62.49	33.9
Pots	2,686,016	11.49	16,379	12.63	164.0
Rod-n-Reel	5,715,007	24.45	6,132	4.73	932.0
Trawls	6,845,916	29.29	11,488	8.86	595.9
Trolling	857,805	3.67	3,307	2.55	259.4
Total	23,369,667	100.00	129,714	100.00	180.2

¹ CPUE = Number of Pounds landed / Number of Trips